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SUBJECT : MAJOR PROJECT: POWER GENERATING STATION AND DESAL-
INIZATION PLANT IN QATAR

1. MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER IN PROCESS OF CONSTRUCT-
ING POWER PLANT AT FINEHTAS NEAR DOHA. KRAFTWERK UNION (GERMAN)
WON CONTRACT TO SUPPLY TWO 50 MW GAS TURBINE GENERATORS FOR
FIRST STAGE OF PROJECT WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY SUMMER
OF 1975. MINISTRY DIRECTOR PHILIPS TOLD EMBOFF THAT RULER HAS
DECIDED PLANT MUST SUPPLY POWER TO INDUSTRIES IN UMM SAID AS
WELL AS DOHA, AND MUST HAVE A CAPACITY OF 400 MW.

2. TENDERS WILL BE SENT LATE SEPT OR EARLY OCT TO NUMBER OF
MANUFACTURERS OF LARGE GAS TURBINE GENERATORS, INCLUDING GE
AND WESTINGHOUSE WHO BID ON FIRST STAGE OF PROJECT. COMPANIES
WILL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT BIDS ON 50 CYCLE GENERATORS TOTALLING
300 MW CAPACITY. INDIVIDUAL UNITS MUST BE AT LEAST 30 MW. NO
PRE-QUALIFICATIONS CONCERNING OPERATING TIME.

3. COMMERCE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT GE AND WESTINGHOUSE AND
ADVISE THEM THAT THEY WILL BE INVITED TO BID. PHILIPS SAID
THAT HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER US FIRMS WHO COULD SUPPLY
GAS TURBINE GENERATORS OF NECESSARY SIZE THAT WERE NOT POWERED
BY AIRCRAFT ENGINES WHICH HE TERMED UNACCEPTABLE FOR USE IN
QATAR. IF COMMERCE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER INTERESTED US COM-
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PANIES THAT CAN MEET ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE CABLE NAMES

ASAP SO WE CAN INFORM MINISTRY.

4. SPECIFICATIONS AND TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR REMAINING FOUR UNITS OF ASSOCIATED DESALINIZATION PLANT (CONTRACT ALREADY AWARDED FOR FIRST TWO UNITS) WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL DECISION IS MADE ON SIZE OF GENERATORS TO BE INSTALLED. TENDERS SHOULD GO OUT IN JAN OR FEB 1975 AND PHILIPS SAID WESTINGHOUSE AND ENVIROGENICS WILL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT BIDS. REQUEST COMMERCE ADVISE THOSE FIRMS OF OPPORTUNITY AND PROVIDE US WITH NAMES OF ANY OTHER INTERESTED US COMPANIES THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD. CAPACITY OF PLANT WILL BE ABOUT FOUR MILLION GALLONS PER DAY. CONSULTANTS FOR BOTH POWER AND DESALINIZATION PROJECT ARE EUBANK AND PARTNERS (UK).

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